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Baucus Announces Hearing on Schemes, Scams and Cons, Part II: The IRS Strikes Back

Hearing: Schemes, Scams and Cons, Part II: The IRS Strikes Back
Date/Time: April 11, 2002, at 10 a.m.
Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Description: Schemes, Scams and Cons, Part II: The IRS Strikes Back is the follow up to the hearing held last April 5, 2001. The hearing will focus on various improper and illegal tax avoidance schemes, including the use of credit/debit cards to access offshore bank accounts established to conceal taxable income. Witnesses invited to testify involve a panel of scam participants, victims, prosecutors and fraud experts. Another panel of officials from the IRS, TIGTA and GAO will provide a progress report on the government's effort to detect and prosecute noncompliance.

Witness List

A Panel Consisting of:

The Honorable Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington D.C.

Mr. Michael Brostek, Director of Tax Issues, GAO, Washington D.C.

The Honorable David Williams, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Washington D.C.

Additional witness information will be available at a later date.

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Written Statements: Any individuals or organizations wanting to present their views on these hearings to the Committee are urged to submit a typewritten, single-spaced, single-sided statement, not exceeding 10 pages in length, for inclusion in the hearing record. The date and subject of the hearing must appear on the first page of the statement. Three copies of the statement should be mailed to the Editorial Section, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, Washington, D.C. 20510. Two copies should be mailed to Kolan Davis, Minority Staff Director, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Statements must be received no later than noon on **Thursday, April 25, 2002**. Written statements must also be submitted on diskette in a format that can be read by personal computers (Word perfect text is preferred; other formats will be accepted -- please identify format).